

A full-page photograph of General and Mrs. Looney. General Looney is on the left, wearing a blue military tuxedo with a white shirt and a dark bow tie. He has several medals on his left chest. Mrs. Looney is on the right, wearing a dark blue sleeveless dress. They are both smiling. In the background, there are flags, including the American flag and a green flag with a yellow emblem. The title "WINGSPREAD" is at the top in large, bold, black letters with a white outline.

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NEWS

Recycling center earns high honor

By Thomas Warner
Wingspread staff writer

Recycling is something people seem to really care about here, where nearly \$200,000 was generated last year by Randolph Recycling Center.

The facility was cited with a performance award by the Central Texas Recycling Association Recycling Alliance for Texas. It is a commendation to be shared by everyone on the base, facility operators said, after nearly \$400,000 worth of refuse was diverted from area landfills in 2007.

All monies generated by the recycling center are used to make the facility more effective, with a new shredding machine expected to be bought and installed in a brand new 50-by-50-foot building that's already been constructed.

"The first few years the center was open, there was not that much public interest and therefore not that much participation by the Randolph community," said Robin Armhold, Environmental Flight chief. "Since about 2004, the system has started to work really well

and people have taken an interest in recycling." "We processed 13,228 tons of cardboard alone," said Stella Rodriguez, recycling coordinator. "Cardboard is our top money-producing item but we also do well with aluminum, plastics, various types of paper and other commodities."

The award cited cardboard recycling specifically and is one of several earned for the Randolph facility, which opened in 1999. Randolph collected more than 4,181 tons of recyclable material in 2007.

Receptacles for cardboard only are scattered around the base, as are bins for items such as plastics, paper, metals, used cell phones, oil and hazardous materials, furniture, batteries and a host of other items.

The most-used set of receptacles is located on the grounds of the Randolph Recycling Center, which is situated on East Perimeter Road near the base horse stables and scout hut. Signage on all the receptacles indicates exactly what can be placed in each one.

"We conduct facility manager meetings with people throughout the base and we've stopped people from throwing the wrong things into the various containers," said Ms. Rodriguez, who works with a staff of four employees at the center. "That's why we share this award and share success that we have with everyone here on base. You can just see how positive the process is when you look at how much is actually being recycled."

The award comes as Randolph nears what is being done at Lackland's recycling facility.

"We process about seven million pounds of recycled material each year," said Jesse Salinas, recycling chief at Lackland AFB Recycling Center.

Randolph is not far behind Lackland in productivity, having processed only 300 tons less cardboard than the much-larger Lackland recycling facility.

"Lackland has always done exceptional and Randolph is following in their footsteps," Ms. Rodriguez said. "They have a much larger staff and can draw from a larger pool. I am proud of my staff and they are very enthused about their jobs."

Call 652-5606 for details about specific items being recycled on Randolph.



Photo by Don Lindsey

Henry Guadarrama (left) and Rene Hernandez, both base recycling crew members, work together recently at the Family Support Center here to collect recyclables from the blue recycling bins located there.

AFPC senior NCOs provide mentoring to Academy cadets

By Master Sgt. Kat Bailey
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

As part of Operation AIR FORCE, a small cadre of Air Force Academy cadets recently visited Randolph AFB. The intent of the program is to familiarize cadets with the operational Air Force.

The 19 future leaders met with wing leadership, base personnel and even got an opportunity to fly with some of Randolph's instructor pilots. One of their final stops brought six of these future leaders, all sophomores, to the Air Force Personnel Center here

where they had the opportunity to meet with several senior noncommissioned officers for professional development.

"The truly interesting part for me was the fact that most of their questions mirrored those of our young Airmen and NCOs," said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Dilt, a personnel Airman in the assignments division at AFPC. "They wanted to know what awaited them out there in the big blue Air Force."

The senior NCOs gave the cadets a brief history of their career accomplishments. In addition, the group talked at great

length about the challenges of leadership. They also discussed the current state of affairs as it related to workload and manpower reductions and reviewed the officer promotion system.

"Perhaps the longest and most interesting discussing revolved around deployment. They really wanted to know what they could expect," Sergeant Dilt said.

"I know we only scratched the surface," he added. "I hope we were able to prepare them for the road ahead. Who knows? In three more years maybe I'll get the opportunity to work with one of these fine officers."



Promotions announced

Congratulations to the following Team Randolph members promoted to Master Sgt. and Tech. Sgt.

Master Sgt.

Aldover Simpicio
Alvarez Jeremy
Archambault Andrew
Baker Richard Jr
Baskin Catrina
Beinhower Kallie
Bell Ormesha
Boughner Mark
Cantrell David
Caszatt Jason
Clarke Shannon Tay
Cole Yolanda
Corpening Cheri
Crossan Nora
Cyr Brian
Edwards Derek
Giedeman Lisa
Glascock Kathi Wel
Hall Andrea
Hankes John
Hernandez Aimee
Howell Duane
Huleis Sam
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Kelleher Michael
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Lara Rosa
Lee Shannon
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Marek Todd
Mcclain Alice
Mcgovern Joseph
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Mesarchik Carol
Montes Sara
Murphy James Jr
Murray Yolanda
Naus Shawn
Pete Jannine
Phelps Ulanda
Rice Edwin Rennard
Rodriguez Andrew
Rodriguez Julie
Shrader Charlie
Sidney Marcus
Talleywilson Melody

Turner Sayama
Vonahnen Michael
Walker Natalie
White April
White Don
Willett Anthony
Wood David

Tech. Sgt.

Bauch Erica
Brown Karen
Coleman Dionne
Cunningham Edward
Davis Cheneae
Davis Tanya
Dominguez Martin
Elliott Shawn
Fontenot Johnny
Gonzalez Helen
Gonzalez Ruben
Green Lawanda
Hannen Marisa
Hernandez Thomas
Herron Deen
Hill Kristy
Hilton Leilani
Hornberger Brian
Lindsey Jennifer
Manners Vincent
Mars Maryjane
Maynard Dwaine
Moos Keith
Newton Monica
Northrup Matthew
Obrien Bradley
Rico Sara
Robinson Stacy
Rogers Erica
Ross Taisha
Rybacki Marina
Saiz Miriam
Santiago Jose
Scott Ramona
Smith Michael
Stegen Michael
Stewart Darryle
Wynn Christopher

Donley in as acting Air Force secretary

Michael B. Donley is the new acting secretary of the Air Force, succeeding Michael Wynne, who held the position since November 2005.

Mr. Donley was previously the administration and management director for the Secretary of Defense, a position sometimes referred to as "mayor" of the Pentagon.

The secretary is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of its nearly 370,000 men and women on active duty, 180,000 members of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve and 160,000 civilians and their families. He oversees an annual budget of approximately \$110 billion and ensures the Air Force can meet its current and future operational requirements.

Mr. Donley has more than 26 years of experience in the national security community, including service in the Senate, White House and the Pentagon. During his career he has been involved in strategy and policy-making at the highest levels and is a recognized expert in national security organization, planning and budgeting.

From 1996 until his appointment as his former Pentagon post, he was a

senior vice president at Hicks and Associates, a subsidiary of Science Applications International Corporation.

During this time he served as a special adviser to the Defense Reform Commission in Bosnia-Herzegovina for the State Department and contributed to several major defense projects involving organizational reform and planning.

From 1993 to 1996, Mr. Donley was a senior fellow at the Institute for Defense Analyses. He was acting secretary of the Air Force for seven months in 1993. From 1989 to 1993 he served as the assistant secretary of the Air Force (financial management and comptroller) with responsibility for budgeting, cost and economic analysis.

Mr. Donley served the National Security Council as deputy executive secretary from 1987 to 1989 and as director of defense programs from 1984 to 1987. He was also a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee (1981-84), a legislative assistant to the Senate (1979-81) and the editor of the National Security Record for the Heritage Foundation (1978-79).



Photo by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski

Michael Donley chats during a ceremony June 20 at the Air Force Memorial honoring former Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne.

He served in the Army from 1972 to 1975 with the 18th Airborne Corps and 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), attending the Army's intelligence and parachute schools and the Defense Language Institute.

Mr. Donley earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in internation-

al relations from the University of Southern California. He attended the Program for Senior Executives in National Security at Harvard University and, until recently, was a doctoral candidate at Georgetown University.

(Courtesy of Air Force Link)

Sauce for soldiers



Photo by Rich McFadden

From left to right: Master Sgt. Todd Remington, Airman and Family Readiness Flight superintendent, and Beth McKinley, A&FRF chief, accept a donation from Diann Holiday and Stacey Haywood of Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q. The donation is the result of the Sauce for Soldiers program initiated by Rudy's to benefit programs at local military installations.

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Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost
12th Flying Training Wing commander



COMMENTARY

What kind of supervisor are you?

By Chief Master Sgt. Marc Rodriguez
Air Combat Command first sergeant

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. - As a new first sergeant at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., I was at a staff meeting when a chief, the mission support group superintendent and great personal mentor, gave us a heads-up about a small trash detail requirement to clean up after the Fourth of July fireworks display. As we filed out at the end of the meeting, I made what I considered an innocent, trivial remark to the chief.

"Not to worry, chief; if I can't find anyone, I was going to go out there to help clean up anyway. I'll do it myself."

At this point, the chief stopped me and called me back into her office. She began to explain to me that as a senior noncommissioned officer, I needed to shy away from that way of thinking. Since making chief and working at higher levels, she said she'd noticed a change in today's noncommissioned officers. She said more and more of us aren't supervisors anymore. Instead, we've taken on a protective role for our Airmen.

"When we were 'coming up,' our NCOs actually ran their work centers," she said. They tasked us Airmen to do details, good and bad. We were their Airmen and the good supervisors knew it was their duty to recognize us and make us well-rounded individuals. Plus, they knew it had to be done. Because, as she pointed out, if we, as younger Airmen, had a choice, most of us would never have volunteered to

work weekends, extra hours or take on the dirty jobs.

Now, she constantly hears supervisors saying, "Not my Airmen," or "My Airmen don't work weekends," or "Why are you asking my Airmen to pick up trash? That's not their job."

But the Air Force is not a job, it's a profession. We are expected to do things for the greater good — the mission and the community — and doing unpopular things is sometimes a part of that devotion.

So she asked, "What's so special about these Airmen that differs from us when we were Airmen?" She remembered her supervisors saying, "I need you to work this Saturday, but you can have Monday off." They knew their section and ran it and they directed the efforts of their people. So now, we, the older Airmen, have grown accustomed to saying, "Oh, it's no big deal; I'll do it."

Why? What are we protecting our Airmen from?

A letter of appreciation, a below-the-zone or airman of the quarter or year bullet, or just the pride in being a part of something greater than themselves?

The chief said that as NCOs, especially as senior NCOs, we have more authority now than ever before to

lead and run our duty sections. But many of us are giving that authority away. We wait until the commander or chief forces us to make an unpopular decision before we act, or worse, make the decision for us. So, now who's running the section?

But the most dangerous byproduct of this type of supervisor is that these new Airmen are growing up to believe that unpopular details, weekend or after-hours work, or supporting unit functions are "not their job."

As today's leaders, we are responsible for the leaders of tomorrow. We cannot have the leaders of tomorrow believing that unpopular tasks "are not their job." We need to set our Airmen up for success and help them see that even unpopular tasks and details are just another opportunity to excel. It's great recognition for them and they learn to appreciate the greater good.

So the next time you find yourself with a tough task, remember: this is your section and it's up to you to run it, not wait for someone to force you to make a decision.

It's up to us as NCOs to "take care of our Airmen," sometimes whether they want us to or not.

So, what kind of supervisor are you?

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Gen. and Mrs. William Looney attend the Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Airman of the Year banquet in 2006. Photo by Rich McFadden.

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PLAN AHEAD – BE PREPARED

Pharmacy advises filling prescriptions early in wake of cyber outage

By Robert Goetz
Wingspread staff writer

A computer system outage that affected units throughout the base this month caused a two-and-a-half-day delay for hundreds of people seeking medications and prescription refills at the Randolph Pharmacy.

Pharmacy spokesmen said planning ahead can prevent the inconvenience and anxiety it caused.

“Our system went down and we could not do anything during that time,” Lt. Col. Arshad Qureshi, pharmacy director, said about the virtual shutdown June 9-11. “It became a safety risk to dispense all medications.”

Colonel Qureshi said the pharmacy staff depends on the computer system to provide them with information about patients, including what medications they are taking and when they received their last refills.

“We depend on our system,” he said. “It provides a lot of safety nets.”

Colonel Qureshi said pharmacy employees could only provide emergency medication, such as antibiotics and inhalers for people with asthma. He said they could not dispense controlled medications such as Percocet, Ambien and Xanax.

“Those we cannot dispense because of accountability and liability issues,” he said.

Capt. Heather Fenzl, chief of pharmacy services,

said customers should refill their prescriptions ahead of time – at least a week.

“No matter what they’re taking, they should not wait until they’re totally out,” she said. “They should do it one to two weeks ahead of time.”

Colonel Qureshi said customers can also go to nearby pharmacies in the community for a small co-payment during a computer system shutdown.

Captain Fenzl said pharmacy staff addressed the backlog caused by the system shutdown by working late June 11.

“On Wednesday we worked a 12- to 13-hour day filling prescriptions,” she said. “We work very hard to make sure they get their medication even if it extends the duty day.”

Captain Fenzl said the pharmacy filled between 100 and 200 prescriptions for emergencies when the system was shut down.

“It took us about two days to catch up,” she said.

During shutdowns, she said a staff member fields questions in the lobby. In addition, a message is placed on the automatic call-in system to inform customers.

“Try to be patient with us,” she advised customers. “We’re doing the best we can. It’s frustrating for us, too.”

“Safety is our number one concern,” Colonel Qureshi added. “We want to make sure prescriptions are safely dispensed, are error-free and will not cause harm to our patients.”

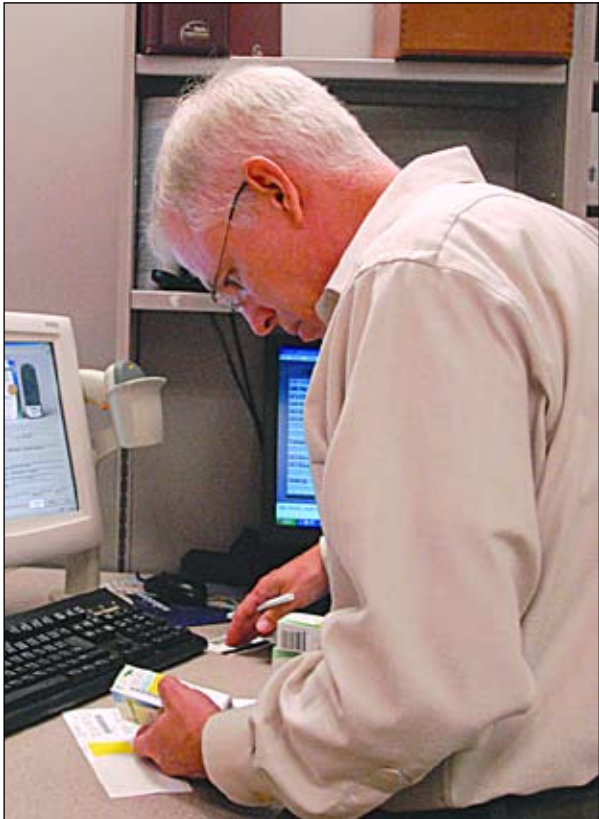


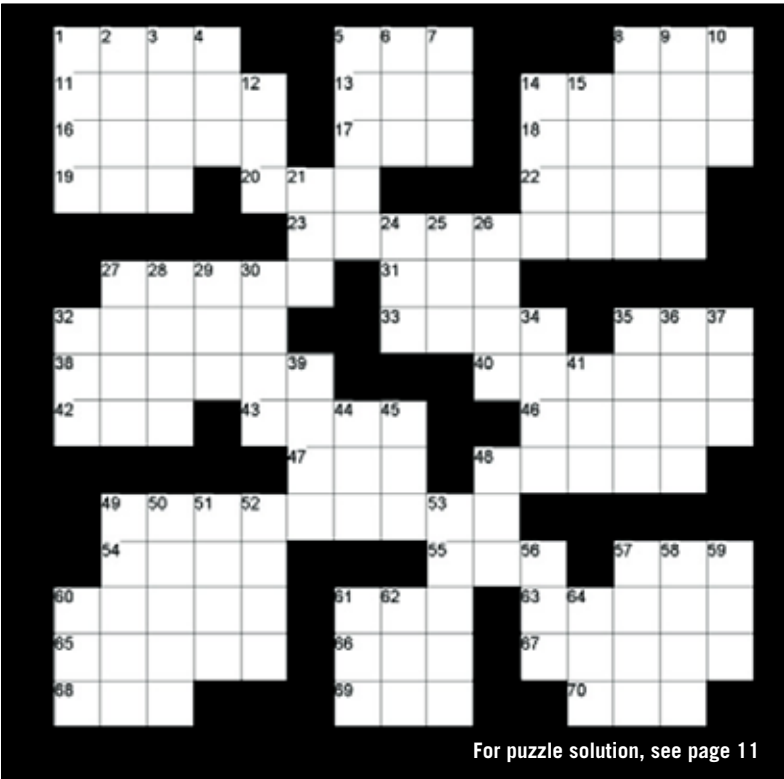
Photo by Rich McFadden
Pharmacy employees such as Paul Shonebarger rely on their computers to dispense medications.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**

 - 1. USAF MAJCOM
 - 5. Mil. field food
 - 8. CBS morning show
 - 11. With 65 Across; town home to the Treasure State's base
 - 13. Charged particle
 - 14. Broadcasted
 - 16. First letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 - 17. Compute
 - 18. Form; appearance; semblance
 - 19. Sea near Egypt
 - 20. Sweet tuber
 - 22. Fact, statistic, or code
 - 23. LGM-30G based at the Treasure State base
 - 27. Contempt
 - 31. Flightless bird
 - 32. Moderate to dark brownish gray
 - 33. Corn holders
 - 35. Opening
 - 38. Sen. James E. ____; helped establish Treasure State base in 1939
 - 40. B-17 ____ Fortress; first planes at Treasure State base 1942
 - 42. Ancient
 - 43. Bread type
 - 46. Heart part
 - 47. John or Jane surname for the unknown
 - 48. Musical practice composition
- 49. C-54; Treasure State base training for Berlin Airlift aircrews
 - 54. Bronze coin and monetary unit of Papua New Guinea
 - 55. Fury
 - 57. Crazy ____ loon
 - 60. Russian mountains
 - 61. Big ____; London icon
 - 63. USAF MAJCOM Treasure State base is assigned
 - 65. See 11 ACROSS
 - 66. A Gershwin
 - 67. Trick or ____
 - 68. German grandfather
 - 69. Sturgeon
 - 70. Horse feed
- DOWN**

 - 1. Gelatinous material
 - 2. Perry Mason writer ____ Stanley Gardner
 - 3. T for Gen. Moseley, former CSAF
 - 4. Head gear
 - 5. Fla. town
 - 6. Staff
 - 7. Terminate
 - 8. Persona non ____; person who is not welcome
 - 9. Transformers actress Fox
 - 10. Summer beverage
 - 12. ...hallowed be ____ name...
 - 14. Gen. officer's assistant
- 15. Muslim religious leader or chief's title
 - 21. USAF E-2
 - 24. Formerly
 - 25. Actress Thurman
 - 26. Sod
 - 27. First king of Israel
 - 28. Part of milk that coagulates when it sours
 - 29. USAF officer eval
 - 30. Type of admiral
 - 32. USAF moving org.
 - 34. Long thin, narrow strip of wood
 - 35. Surround; enclose; hem in
 - 36. Poker fee
 - 37. Tiger's org.
 - 39. Jedi who trained Luke
 - 41. "P.S. I Love ____"
 - 44. ____ Angeles
 - 45. Permit
 - 48. Mistake
 - 49. Narrow strip of flexible material for holding things together
 - 50. Sluggish, tailless, gray, furry, arboreal marsupial
 - 51. Scream
 - 52. State home to Hanscom AFB, in brief
 - 53. Col. ____ Axel Malmstrom; Treasure



- State base namesake

56. Dine

57. Toward the shore

58. Petty quarrel

59. Perform

60. Aliens' ship
61. Giant

62. Epoch

64. To and ____

Courtesy of Capt. Tony Wickman
USAF Public Affairs

COMMUNITY

Base, community celebrate Fourth of July

By Robert Goetz
Wingspread staff writer

The Fourth of July celebration returns to Randolph this year with food and fun throughout the evening and a fireworks extravaganza to bring festivities to a rousing finale.

The event, which takes place July 4 at 5 p.m., marks the base's first Independence Day observance in two years. Randolph's marquee celebrations – the Air Show and Fourth of July event – are now held in alternating years.

This year's star-spangled spectacular kicks off on the south flight line with a host of children's activities.

"The entertainment for the children covers all ages," said Shelta Reese, 12th Services Division marketing director. "For the toddlers we have two 'little tykes' obstacle courses to challenge them along with a jumper castle. The young children will also get a chance to complete a flight school with small push planes and will be awarded a certificate upon completion."

She said a water tag maze appeals to all ages and a space shuttle obstacle course dares the older youth.

"There will also be some great crafts for the children such as making their own patriotic visors and balsa wood planes," Ms. Reese said.

Another attraction for children is a petting zoo with pony rides, which opens at 5:30 p.m.

"For those who have even more energy to burn, the fitness center will have a free-throw contest, a softball throw contest, football toss and family circuit challenge," said Terrye Heagerty, 12th Services director.

About 20 food booths will be open all evening, offering choices from hamburgers and hot dogs to turkey legs and roasted corn, from watermelon and snow cones to cotton candy and funnel cakes.

A full evening of musical entertainment begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Scott Wiggins Band and their blend of Texas country, Americana, rock and honky-tonk. Zack Walther and the Cronkites will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. and perform their songs, a mix of Americana and rock.

The fireworks display will heat up the sky starting at 9:35 p.m.

Visitors will enter the base through the south and west gates and are reminded not to bring coolers, picnic baskets, backpacks, weapons, bicycles, skateboards, personal fireworks or pets. All vehicles will be subject to inspection by Security Forces.

All Department of Defense personnel should enter through the main gate.

Randolph isn't the only Air Force base in the community celebrating the Fourth. Lackland's 30th annual Star Spangled Festival will begin at 2 p.m. in the base amphitheater. The event will feature a classic car show, a motorcycle show, arts and

crafts, food and novelty booths and children's activities. A fireworks display will start at 9:25 p.m.

Nearby communities also have big plans for Independence Day.

Schertz's 33rd annual Jubilee is a four-day extravaganza that begins Wednesday and concludes July 5. The event, which features a carnival each night, officially starts at 6 p.m. Thursday with karaoke entertainment and a performance by Mick Hernandez and the Texas Silverados at 8 p.m.

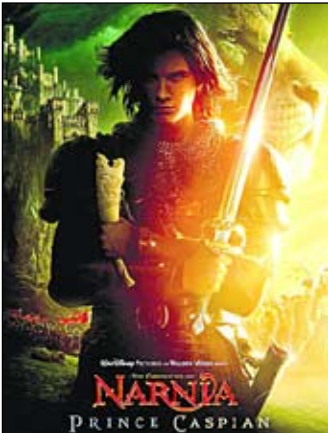
Independence Day activities include a parade that begins at Elbel Road and Schertz Parkway at 9:30 a.m., the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. at Pickrell Park, a performance by the community band at 1:30 p.m. and more musical entertainment at 3 p.m. by Crosspoint, at 4:30 p.m. by Gettin' By and at 8 p.m. by Cactus Country. Dimensions in Blue, the Air Force Band of the West jazz ensemble, will perform at 7 p.m. July 5, followed by Back Forty at 8 p.m.

A parade featuring classic and special-interest cars, trucks and motorcycles will highlight Garden Ridge's annual Fourth of July celebration in the city park. A flag-raising is planned for 10 a.m., followed by the parade at 10:30 a.m. and food and daylong activities starting at 10:45 a.m.

The city of San Antonio's official July 4 celebration kicks off with a parade at 10 a.m. at Woodlawn Lake, 1103 Cincinnati Ave. The event also features musical entertainment, food and beverage booths and fireworks at 10:05 p.m.

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"The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian"
Tilda Swinton, Liam Neeson
Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 6 p.m.
Rated PG, 144 min.



"The Strangers"
Liv Tyler, Scott Speedman
Sunday, 3 p.m.
Rated R, 85 min.

Randolph Chapel Schedule

CATHOLIC

Monday - Friday - Chapel One
11:30 a.m.
Saturday - Chapel One
5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Chapel Two
8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday - Chapel One
4:30-5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Day Mass - Chapel One
11:30 a.m.
Evening Mass - Chapel Two
5 p.m.

PROTESTANT

Traditional Worship
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.
Parish Fellowship
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.
Religious Education
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Inspirational Praise & Worship
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

VBS in July

The chapel will host vacation bible school July 14-18 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. For details, call 652-7215 or 652-6121.

FEATURE

FOND FAREWELL

General Looney to retire; leaves AETC "a command of choice"

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Hammond

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

As the commander of Air Education and Training Command, Gen. William R. Looney III sought to make AETC "a command of choice" for Airmen while concentrating on providing combat-focused training to everyone who comes to or through the command.

As he prepared to retire after more than 36 years of service, the general reflected on a number of initiatives the first command has taken to ensure all Airmen enter with a warrior mentality and the skill sets necessary to operate in today's environment. By increasing basic training to eight and a half weeks in length, providing combat convoy and battlefield Airman training and advancing the use of technology to improve training efficiency and effectiveness, AETC has consistently developed Airmen today for tomorrow under his command.

To effectively accomplish that mission, General Looney said it was important for members to be proud to be on the team.

"Possibly one of the greatest accomplishments during my time was to come very close to achieving my vision to make AETC a command of choice, a place Airmen and their families wanted to be assigned – they wanted to be part of the recruiting, training and educating mission," the general said. "We needed two things to make that happen. First, the role you played in the command had to be rewarding and satisfying to the individual – and they had to be recognized for the significant contribution they made to the Air Force and the nation by being a part of AETC."

"The second part is that families and Airmen would enjoy a quality of life that is second to none," General Looney said. "I wanted AETC's quality of life to reflect that these were the world's greatest Airmen and families."

By supporting and bringing to reality various improvements around the command, such as new fitness centers, dormitory improvements and the benefits of privatized housing, the general had a reputation for backing his intentions with the funds to get it done.

Despite the legacy of improvements and innovation he leaves behind, General Looney was quick to point out that the focus should never be on him as commander and that leaders at all levels "shouldn't allow it to be about them – it should be about the people."

"It's our job as leaders to care about our people. To motivate them, to inspire them and to provide them the support they need to do what's being asked of them," the general said. "At the end of the day, it's not necessarily the leaders who are getting the mission done. It's the Airmen."

General Looney stressed the vital importance of keeping a positive attitude in the current climate, with challenges like high operations tempo, frequent deployments related to the Global War on

"...we get to contribute to something greater than ourselves by wearing this uniform and serving this nation. There are very few organizations where service before self is a core value..."

Gen. William R. Looney III



Gen. William Looney (left), Air Education and Training Command commander, chats with former presidential candidate H. Ross Perot at the annual Freedom Flyers Reunion in March.

Photo by Steve White

Terror and reduced manning in offices and shops around the Air Force.

"Regardless of your career, regardless of the role you play in life, you are going to be faced with peaks and valleys. That's life," he said. "What's important from my perspective is facing each challenge with a positive attitude. Even if you aren't sure what's being asked of you can be done, you have to think that if it can be done, if anybody can do it, you can. And I think 90 percent of the time the capability you possess and the resources you have allow you to be able to do that. The positive attitude fuels the desire and also the capability to accomplish the job."

When asked what he will remember most about the Air Force and his career, he cited three unique attributes of the Air Force:

First, the Air Force provides everyone opportunities. "I believe it doesn't really hit you in the early stages, even the later stages, of your career: that the Air Force gives us tremendous opportunities," General Looney said. "While it may be harder for some than others, if you have a dream in this Air Force that you want to achieve, you have a chance to fulfill that dream if you make the effort. That is a

unique organization to be in.

"Second – the quality of people we associate with. To be able to come to work every day with people who are committed, dedicated, professional, drug-free, with high integrity, and respect for each other's dignity – regardless of race, gender, religion or social class – is another thing that makes this Air Force so very special," the general said.

"And the third piece of it is that we get to contribute to something greater than ourselves by wearing this uniform and serving this nation. There are very few organizations where service before self is a core value or a core descriptor of what you do," General Looney said. "But the day will come when all of us will sit on that front porch in a rocker reflecting back on what exactly we did with our lives ... what contributions did we make?"

"Those of us who wear Air Force blue will never have a problem answering that question – and feeling proud of the answer."

General Looney retires July 2 in a ceremony here. Lt. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, formerly the Air University commander, will be promoted to general and take command of AETC that same day.

FEATURE

DOG DAYS AHEAD FOR FAITHFUL SERVANT

Randolph's senior MWD retiring to Lackland

By Thomas Warner

Wingspread staff writer

Retirement is imminent but it's not the end of the line for Randolph's senior military working dog.

Bosco, a Belgian Malinois breed trained in explosives detection, will leave Randolph soon and take up residence at Lackland Air Force Base, becoming a stud dog with the 341st Training Squadron.

"He has already sired one litter of pups and five of them were admitted into the training program," said Technical Sgt. Jeffrey Adkins, NCO in charge of Randolph's 12th Security Forces Squadron MWD Section. "He should do well in that role."

Military working dogs are trained to conduct building checks, drug detection, gate surveillance, explosives detection and assorted other tasks.

Protection of military bases and civilian arenas such as airports and mass transit stations are primary job duties for such cerebral canines.

Bosco was born in Germany but has been a part of Randolph's MWD team since the base opened its kennel in 2003. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the subsequent creation of the Homeland Security Administration, many U.S. bases began establishing kennel programs.

Cora, a 7-year-old female, will become the senior MWD at Randolph. She is recovering from a knee injury sustained while deployed in Iraq but has no limitations beyond that. The full staff of six dogs and six handlers, plus a trainer and an NCO in charge are keeping Randolph secure.

Kira, a 2-year-old female trained in explosives, is already on site as Bosco's replacement.

Bosco was deployed to Iraq from November 2004 to June 2005 and worked with the Marine Corps there. His handler since January has been Staff Sgt. Shawn Elliott, who will now transition to working with a dog specializing in drug detection.

"I haven't worked with Bosco all that long, but I've trained and handled several kinds of dogs since 1997 and he has been very capable and dependable at doing this job," said Sergeant Elliot, who was previously stationed at Incirlik AFB in Turkey.

Dogs serving with any military branch are trained by the Air Force. That training originates with Lackland's 341st TS. For many years, the U.S. military would procure its MWD candidate dogs from Europe, specifically Germany. Since the new millennium, more are originating in America.

"Bosco was recommended to us a few years ago and we're happy that he is coming here," said Kris Ritter, veterinary technician for the Department of Defense puppy program, which began at Lackland in 2000. "He is the second

dog we'll have returned from the field to used as a stud. We traditionally use dogs from many environments. Some have spent time in private homes, many are raised here. We've used frozen semen from the German system."

A high-strung canine, Bosco developed dental problems that contributed to the retirement orders. Handlers said he has historically bitten down extra tightly to his "reward" and too often has damaged his teeth during those celebrations.

The reward is a rubber ball-like item that's given to MWDs upon completion of a task. Bosco tends to go after his with too much energy but has always been a high titration canine – meaning he's handled discipline well, Sergeant Adkins said.

"Once, he dove down to get his reward and knocked teeth out on the concrete in front of the facility, but he still wanted to do work that day," said Staff Sgt. Keith Moos, 12th SFS Military Working Dog Section trainer. "It hasn't affected his performance of duties. He's done a good job, but the dental problems are the main reason that he's now going to retire."

At seven years of age, Bosco is indeed on the low end of the spectrum regarding career-life as a MWD. A study done by the 341st TS showed MWDs prior to 9-11 had an average career span of nine to 12 years before retirement. Since deployments to war zones began in Afghanistan and Iraq, the career cycle has been shortened to between eight and 11 years.

"These dogs do a lot of work when they are deployed," Sergeant Adkins said. "The problems with his teeth are what sort of forced his retirement."

Along with his stud work, Bosco is expected to be used in Lackland's supervisor-trainee program. Servicemembers who finish that program will be qualified to be trainers and unit leaders.



Staff Sergeant Shawn Elliott has handled military working dog Bosco for six months and describes him as a "high-energy" canine. Bosco began service to his country in August 2002 and will transfer to Lackland Air Force Base to perform various duties with the 431st Training Squadron.

Photo by Rich McFadden

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The Fourth of July celebration promises to be a fun-filled evening of family entertainment and includes food booths, live music, special children's activities, various sports skills events, a petting zoo with pony rides, interactive inflatables and a fireworks display.

Visitors are reminded that you are not allowed to bring coolers, picnic baskets, backpacks, weapons, bicycles, skateboards, personal fireworks or pets onto the base.

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Retirement

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Jon Hanson, Air Education and Training Command, on his retirement.

Changes of command

- The 12th Comptroller Squadron change-of-command ceremony is Monday at 10 a.m. at the enlisted club. The squadron will be closed until noon that day.
- The Air Education and Training Command change-of-command ceremony takes place Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Hangar 4.
- The 1st Manpower Requirement Squadron change-of-command ceremony takes place Thursday at 2 p.m. at the officers' club.

Airmen's Summer Bash

The Team Randolph Airmen's Council with the Air Force Sergeants Association chapter 1075 will host an Airmen's Summer Bash for Airmen ranks airman basic to senior airman at the Randolph Recreational Area at Canyon Lake July 18 from noon to 5 p.m.

For details, call Staff Sgt. Jessica Escobar-Ortiz at 652-5271.

Fisher House cookout

The Randolph Company Grade Officers' Council is hosting a cookout for wounded soldiers and their families at the Brooke Army Medical Center Fisher House Saturday at 5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for setting up and cleaning up.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Jennifer Ferrer at jennifer.ferrer@randolph.af.mil.

CGO volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to work the Team Randolph Company Grade Officers' Council Independence Day fund-raiser booth July 4 from 5-9:45 p.m. on the south ramp. Proceeds will support dinners at the Fisher House.

To volunteer, call 2nd Lt. Bryan Hielscher at 652-4033 or e-mail bryan.hielscher@randolph.af.mil.

Tuskegee Airmen Convention

The 37th annual Tuskegee Airmen Convention takes place July 17-20 at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia.

For more information, visit www.tuskegeearmen.org.

TRAVEL ALERT

Airline baggage policy

The charges for checked baggage differ between the airlines and constantly change, making it difficult to predict what travelers will face upon check-in.

To obtain the latest allowances and fees associated with checked baggage, the Traffic Management Flight encourages travelers to visit the General Services Administration Baggage Fact Sheet at www.gsa.gov/city pairs prior to traveling.

Government travelers should carry a printed copy of their travel itinerary, a copy of their travel orders and their government travel card (to pay for extra charges). These charges can then be reconciled on the travel voucher.

Mosquito magnets available

The Public Health Flight is offering mosquito magnets for use by Randolph residents. A Public Health member will set up the equipment and provide training.

Call Public Health at 652-2456 for details.

Smoking Quitline

The San Antonio Military Medical Center Smoking Quitline will be available to active duty and reserve personnel starting this summer.

The quitline is a telephone counseling service that will offer two different intervention formats to help individuals quit using tobacco. The program will include telephone counseling and nicotine replacement therapy at no cost to the participant. The quitline is a joint effort among the military, University of Tennessee and the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute. More information will soon be available announcing the start date and how to get involved.

For more information, contact Karen LeRoy at 292-3504 or e-mail kleroy1@utmem.edu or Dr. Angela Tonozzi at atonozzi@utmem.edu.

MOAA luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America – Alamo Chapter monthly luncheon is July 24 at 11 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston club. The cost is \$16.

Retired Col. Ken Allard, a military analyst and columnist, will discuss national security.

RSVP by noon July 21 by calling 228-9955 or e-mailing moaa-ac@sbcglobal.net.

AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER - 652-5321

San Antonio tour

A San Antonio tour is scheduled today from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit some of the historic sites and stop for lunch and shopping. Child care is provided with home day care providers for children under the age of 12.

To make reservations, call 652-3060.

Adoption seminar

The Randolph Airman and Family Readiness Center and the First Baptist Church of Universal City are hosting an informative adoption seminar July 10 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 1401 Pat Booker Road.

Those interested in adoption can attend and learn all about the process and their eligibility. Light snacks will be available and no child care is provided.

For more information, call Mark Reuss at 360-0417.

Parenting workshop

The Precious Minds, New Connections parenting workshop is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 8 through Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The free parenting workshops are for Team Randolph parents expecting a child and those who already have children up to age 3.

The class teaches parents how to support their child's development. Parents must attend at least seven of the eight workshops to receive a certificate of completion.

Free child care, lunch and door prizes are provided.

For details, call 652-3828.

Thrift store closure

The Randolph Thrift Store is closed until July 7 in observance of Independence Day.

Consignment and donated items can be brought in at that time.

EDUCATION CENTER 652-5964

College Fair

The Randolph Education Office will host a college fair Aug. 14 at the base education office.

For details, call 652-5964.

Policy change

The Senior NCO distance learning course (12 and 14) enrollment period has changed from 12-month to open-ended enrollment (maximum of 72 months). Disenrollment restrictions have been lifted. Students currently on restriction may immediately re-enroll.

Commissioning programs

• POC-ERP

The Professional Officer Course-Early Release Program offers active-duty enlisted personnel who can complete all bachelor's degree and commissioning requirements within two years an opportunity for an early release from the active-duty Air Force to enter the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Application packages must be submitted by Sept. 15.

• ASCP

Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program is for selected Airmen who are released from active duty and enlist in the Air Force Reserve where they have the opportunity to earn a commission while completing their bachelor's degree. Application packages must be submitted by Oct. 15.

• SOAR

The Scholarships for Outstanding Airman to ROTC offers active-duty enlisted personnel the opportunity to earn a commission while completing their bachelor's degree as an Air Force ROTC cadet. Deadline for submitting applications is Oct. 15.

For more details, visit www.air-force.com/education/enlisted/ea_coomPrograms.php or stop by the local education office.

For more education information, visit www.randolph.af.mil.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Need Money for College? AF Clubs can help**
This scholarship program is sponsored in part by Chase Bank and Coca-Cola and only club members and their family members are eligible. (No federal endorsement of sponsors intended).
Application forms may be picked up at the enlisted club, officers' club, bowling center, golf course, library, fitness center and information, tickets and travel.
For more information about the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program visit www.afclubs.net. Essays must be submitted on CD ROM or floppy disk with one hard copy to 12th Services Division, bldg. 112, room 207 by Tuesday.
- AETC Member's Rewards program**
The AETC Member's Rewards program runs through August 30 and offers a scholarship for club member's children, ages 12-18, to attend a space or aviation camp offered by the US Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL.
Applications packages may be picked up at both Randolph clubs and must be submitted by August 30. The cost of the 8-day course is \$1,300 and AETC will also provide the student with an additional \$200 to cover other costs associated with the course. The scholarship does not include transportation to and from the campus.
This program is sponsored by Silver Eagle Distributors. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.
- BOWLING CENTER- 652-6271**
 - July 4th and family day bowling specials**
On July 4 bowl for only \$1.75 per game, per person with \$1.50 shoe rental from 1-11 p.m. On July 7 you can bowl from 1-9 p.m. for \$1.75 per game, per person with \$1.50 shoe rental.
 - Thunder Alley bowling**
There will Thunder Alley bowling every Saturday night

12th Services Briefs

- from 8 p.m. to midnight in July and August. The cost is \$3.50 per game, per person for adults and \$2.50 per game, per person for children 17 and younger.
- ENLISTED CLUB - 652-3056**
 - Mini all nighter**
Join us for a mini all nighter on July 3 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Celebrate our nation's birthday and also enjoy a cigar and a top shelf drink while you're here.
 - GOLF COURSE -652-4570**
 - Family golf special**
Families can golf together starting at 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. (except for holidays) for \$2 per person. Adults must be accompanied by a child to get this special rate.
 - Tee Time Deck \$2 Thursday**
Head out to the Tee Time deck on July 10 from 4 p.m. to dusk for \$2 well drinks, \$2 Hurricanes and \$2 Gumbo. Meet the pros, test your putting skills. and take a spin on the Services roving prize wheel to win a prize.
 - INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL - 652-5640**
 - Season pool passes**
Purchase season pool passes at ITT, bldg. 897. Cost is \$35 per person for an individual pass or \$75 per family of 3 and \$10 for each additional child. Family season passes are limited to immediate family members i.e., sponsor and dependents. Daily admission is \$2 per person.
 - Swim lesson registration**
Register for swim lessons at ITT, bldg 897. Swim lessons are held at the South pool and are available for children six weeks and older.
 - OFFICERS' CLUB - 652-4864**
 - July membership appreciation deck party**
The first Thursday membership appreciation deck party is July 3. The Texas Tide Band will perform from

- 5-8 p.m. and a German buffet will be served. The cost is \$3 for members or \$6 for nonmembers.
- Thursday family night**
Every Thursday is Family Night at the officers' club. Kids 12 & younger eat for FREE (for every adult entrée purchased). This is open to all DoD ID cardholders.
- RANDOLPH RECREATION PARK AT CANYON LAKE**
- Sunset dinner cruises**
View the beautiful sunset at Canyon Lake while also enjoying a great dinner on July 26 and August 30. The boat departs at 7 p.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m. You may choose from a beef, chicken or veggie plate for only \$35 per person. Come aboard; enjoy a great dinner and the traditional cruise around the lake. Call 1-800-280-3466 to make reservations.
 - Friday night campfire**
Come out to Randolph's Recreation Park at Canyon Lake for an old fashion campfire July 11 from 8-10 p.m. There will be entertainment and something good to eat.


- WOOD SKILLS CENTER - 652-5142**
- Parent/Child woodworking class**
On July 19 from 10 a.m. to noon you and your child can have a lot of fun building a dancing duck. Then your child can dance with the stars with their very own dancing duck. Sign up deadline is July 14.

- YOUTH CENTER - 652-3298**
- Youth membership free week**
Celebrate National Parks and Recreation month by checking out youth programs. There is no membership card needed to participate in the youth center programs June 31-July 5. The youth center has a lot of activities, camps and classes for you to enjoy over the summer. For more info go to www.servicesatrandolph.com.

STARS

& STRIPES

5K RUN/WALK



Let the fireworks continue in the
"Stars and Stripes" 5k run/walk on
JULY 11
Eberle Park at 6:30 a.m.

Event is free and open to all DoD I.D. cardholders

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Solution to puzzle on page 5

SPORTS and FITNESS

Randolph falls to Marion in Legion home opener

Grater Field has a deep baseball history of great individual baseball performances. Players such as former Major League All-Star Freddie Patek and long time major and minor league coach/manager and scout Buzzy Keller have played at Grater and countless home runs have left the park.

Randolph lost its American Legion home opener last week, 11-8 to Marion, but the game certainly added a bit to the Grater field tradition.

Marion jumped ahead with a first inning home run off Rebel starting pitcher Nic Walters, adding two more runs in the second inning and one in



Pat Marley

the third to make the score 4-0 going into the bottom half of the third inning.

The Rebels responded with some offense of their own, scoring three runs in the bottom of the third after a double to left field by catcher Brandon Mackin that drove in Zach Martinez and then a long single to right by Pat Marley that plated Mackin.

Cory Thurchak then hit a shot to right to drive in Marley and put the Rebels back in the game, trailing only 4-3.

In the fourth, Walters settled in and struck out the side prior to a four-run frame for the home team.

Martinez, Mackin, Brad Thomas and designated

hitter Jake Garboletti later reached base and Randolph scored three times on a huge double to centerfield by Marley which forged a 8-7 Rebels' lead.

Marion pieced together another barrage and took the lead for good. After one shutout inning of relief by Rebels' closing pitcher Matt Brown, the Rebels failed to score in the bottom of the seventh and lost the game.

Randolph had a game scheduled earlier this week against Seguin and has a rematch tonight at 7 p.m. on Grater Field against Marion. The Rebels remain at home for a game Monday against Taft.

(Courtesy of Randolph American Legion Baseball)

Group Exercise Class Schedule at the Rambler Fitness Center

July

July 4 holiday hours - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July 7 Family Day hours - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Yoga	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Step/Weights	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Kick Boxing
9 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Srs. Strength	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Yoga	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Pilates
10 a.m. - Water Aerobics	11 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Water Aerobics	10 a.m. - Seniors	10:15 a.m. - Cardiofusion	10 a.m. - Zumba
11 a.m. - Step	5 p.m. - Zumba	11 a.m. - Step	11 a.m. - Step	5:15 p.m. - Yoga	
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6 p.m. - Yoga		5:15 p.m. - Cycling			
7:15 p.m. - Kick Boxing		6 p.m. - B-Toning			

\$3 per class. For more information on any of the exercise classes, call the Rambler Fitness Center at 652-2955.

Sports BRIEFS

Challengers' run

The Randolph Challengers' 9-and 14-mile runs take place Saturday at 7 a.m. at Eberle Park. These runs may be used as the first long runs for beginner or immediate level training for a marathon.

All participants receive a T-shirt. This event is free and open to all DoD ID cardholders.

Skeet shoot

Randolph is hosting the Hotter-N-Hell 50's Skeet Shoot July 26-27. National Skeet Association rules will apply.

Texas residents must have a current Texas Skeet Shoot Association card.

To sign up or for more information, call 652-2064.

FitFactor enrollment

Stop by the youth center to enroll in the summer Fitfactor program, "Get Up, Get Out, & Get Fit."

Junior golf clinic

Randolph Oaks Golf Course is hosting a junior golf clinic July 7-11 from 8 a.m. to noon. The clinic is for ages 8-13. The cost is \$50 for participants who have clubs or \$100 for those who need clubs.

To sign up, call 652-4570.

Golf tournament

The Randolph Oaks Golf Course is hosting the Red, White & Blue Tourney July 5 with 7-9 a.m. tee times. The entry fee is \$10 per person.

Special Twilight Pricing

Regular twilight pricing begins at 3 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with cart is \$14 per person.

Super twilight pricing begins at 5:30 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with cart is \$10 per person.

Tee times

Golfers should sign up for weekday tee times at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course at least two days in advance.

Drawings are held every Thursday for weekend tee times. Groups must have at least two active duty members to qualify for a priority tee time.

To sign up for weekend tee times, e-mail tee.time@randolph.af.mil.

LMMA hosts tourney

The Lackland Middle Managers Association will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Warhawk Fitness Center on Lackland Air Force Base.

The cost is \$25 per team and is open to ages 16 and up. For more information, call 671-4828 or 671-2284.

RANDOLPH HISTORY

Randolph Airman acted as test subject for early space experiment

(Editor's note: Fifty years ago the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph played a key role in the United States' fledgling efforts to compete with the Soviet Union in the space race. Peter Law, 12th Flying Training Wing historian, takes a look back at an experiment that thrust an Airman who worked as an accounting clerk into the spotlight.)

By Peter Law

12th Flying Training Wing historian

For centuries, mankind dreamed of reaching out to the stars if only to see what was there. The writings of Jules Verne and H.G. Wells brought space closer and director Georges Méliès took us on a "Trip to the Moon" in 1902. Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon tempted Americans with space flight in the 1920s and 30s.

By the late 1950s, the possibility of actually flying into space inched toward reality when Sputnik I announced its presence in October 1957. So it was during the week Feb. 10-16, 1958, that Airman 1st Class Donald G. Farrell became America's first space traveler.

Although a human could theoretically go into space, nobody really knew what would happen. In November 1957, the Soviets sent a dog named Laika into orbit on board Sputnik II. She made it into orbit fine, but stress and overheating caused her to die five to seven hours into the flight.

Taking the initiative, doctors at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Air Force Base developed an experiment to study the long-term effects of space flight. They wanted to gauge a man's reactions to confinement and fatigue.

The Department of Space Medicine at the SAM, headed by Lt. Col. George R. Steinkamp, built a capsule simulator for a weeklong test. To man the capsule, the department chose Airman Farrell.

Already assigned to the SAM, Airman Farrell worked as an accounting clerk in the comptroller's office. The Wingspread described the 23 year-old Bronx native as a "strapping 6-foot, blond youth, carefully selected and prepared for the experiment, seemingly of sound mind and body."

His physical fitness and ability to compute numbers made him a natural choice to spend a week inside the capsule.

The capsule simulator, Terrella – a name that translates as "little Earth" – represented the Air Force's approximation to the type of cabin a man might use in space.

At 3 feet wide, 6 feet long and 5 feet high, the capsule was not much bigger than a port-a-john. The interior featured a rather cramped environment, filled with tanks, pipes and electrical cables. The space was so tight only his upper body had full range of motion. The only comfort came from a seat like a "combined dentist's chair and toilet seat."

Cameras mounted inside recorded the Airman constantly. A still camera took a picture of him every 75 seconds. The flash from the camera necessitated his wearing sunglasses inside. A television camera transmitted the interior to a nearby viewing room. To track his pulse and breathing, doctors taped electrodes to his arm and chest, which had leads he plugged into the capsule.

With a simple "well, here goes," Airman Farrell entered the capsule on Sunday, Feb. 10, 1958. Once Airman Farrell settled into the capsule, technicians sealed him behind the heavy steel door and gradually lowered the air pressure inside to 8 pounds – the normal pressure at 18,000 feet. Additionally, the techs raised the oxygen level to double the proportion at sea level. In the event of an emergency, a "panic" button inside would release the door. He never needed it.

The Airman settled into a schedule that tested a person's ability to adapt to the lack of a day-night cycle. The 14-hour day encompassed four and a half hours for sleep, two work periods of four hours each and three half-hours for meals and personal hygiene. His work amounted to problem-solving. Two radar scopes in front of him displayed similar, but not identical, tracking patterns. Using dials, Airman Farrell had to make the right-hand scope match the left. A panel to his left featured 30 lights that indicated a command. When a light flashed, the Airman performed its matching command such as "Check oxygen equipment."

When not working a problem, he read from a couple of textbooks he took inside. He also requested music from a stack of record albums the techs played outside the capsule. He transmitted frequent reports of interior temperature and how he felt. Everything he said or did, along with his vital signs and the environmental conditions inside, were recorded for later examination. Farrell also kept a comprehensive diary during his stay.

The SAM folks stocked the capsule with prepared meals such as lobster, ham and chicken. An electric heating cup allowed him to prepare instant coffee. Airman Farrell's eating increased due to frequent snacking and his caloric intake increased from 2,500 calories per day to 3,400. Despite the rise in calories and the cramped space, he actually lost 4 pounds during his stay.

The capsule also came stocked with bottled water the Airman used for drinking and bathing. He disposed of waste by storing it in bottles and plastic bags. Though he brought an electric shaver, he did forget to bring a comb. The ingenious Airman taped some toothpicks to a piece of cardboard to remedy the situation.

Airman Farrell stayed in good spirits during the week, but became markedly tired by the fifth day. That day the techs outside were unable to wake him immediately with an alarm they operated. His tired-



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Donald Farrell listens to instructions from a test administrator as he sits in the space capsule simulator here. Airman Farrell would live in the capsule for one week to test how a person would function in isolation while in space.

ness bled over into the radar scope task and he failed a couple of the problems. He soon overcame his slow start and went the rest of the experiment without a problem.

At the end of the seven-day experiment, the project officer, Capt. Julian E. Ward, gave Airman Farrell his "landing" instructions and then opened the door. Though stooped a bit and somewhat wobbly, the Airman stepped out unaided. Among the people greeting him when he emerged was Maj. Gen. Otis O. Benjamin Jr., commandant of the SAM and one of the pioneers of aerospace medicine. Also there was Texas Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson who said that "the nation owes a debt of gratitude to Farrell..."

Following the experiment, Airman Farrell stayed in the hospital for three days for observation. He then flew to New York to visit his parents and to make some television appearances. A trip to Washington followed where he had lunch with Senator Johnson and attended the Air Force Jet Age conference.

About his week in the capsule he said, "I would really and truly like to make that first trip to the moon. I'm available if they want me." Although his moon shot never came to pass, the Airman's participation in the experiment demonstrated that a person could make it to the moon and back, alone and confined.